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REPORTS

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OF THE

Selectmen and other Town Officers

OF

HOPKINTON, N. H.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

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# AUDITOR'S REPORT

## OF THE

### SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

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1st. Wherein they find them chargeable with cash received in sundry ways, as follows :

Cash received for savings bank tax,	\$2,241 07
railroad tax,	157 91
literary fund,	158 67
county paupers,	517 94
insurance tax,	5 25
	\$3,080 84

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid into town treasury, as per treasurer's receipts, \$3,080 84

2d. An account wherein they find the selectmen charged with orders drawn on the treasurer, amounting to \$12,390 19

Which is accounted for as follows :

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$190 89
2,	108 82
3,	120 14
4,	89 01
5,	108 82
6,	122 97
7,	142 78
8,	100 33
9,	91 84
10,	236 17
11,	151 27



Paid District No. 12,	\$100 33
13,	113 48
14,	103 15
16,	108 82
17,	117 31
18,	77 69
19,	108 82
20,	193 72
21,	69 20
24,	94 67

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\$2,550 23

#### STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid state tax,	\$2,340 00
county tax,	2,221 83

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\$4,561 83

#### SUPPORT COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid for support of Sally Hastings,	\$102 54
support of Nancy Fuller,	95 00
support of Mary Allen,	39 00
assistance rendered Julia Lynch,	49 50
assistance rendered Barnes Hazelton,	15 90
assistance rendered H. F. Otis,	17 50
assistance rendered Burke family,	11 69
assistance rendered F. Bradford,	2 00
assistance rendered Hancock family,	49 62
assistance rendered J. Daniels' family,	37 51
assistance rendered E. T. Wight,	99 91
assistance rendered Abigail Hardy,	32 00

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\$552 16

#### TOWN PAUPERS.

Assistance rendered Susan Baker,	\$164 72
A. J. Kelley,	213 50
Mary J. Straw,	5 67
M. Kezer's family,	12 50
G. W. Mills' family,	3 00

Assistance rendered	John Dwinnells,	\$15 00
	Transients, (tramps,)	159 00
	Anna Smart,	10 50
	Gould Brown,	18 36
	Hiram Burbank,	23 16
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		\$625 41

#### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid	George N. Watkins, list of 1876,	\$72 81
	E. A. Boutwell, list of 1875,	8 96
	Wm. Colby, lists of 1872-3,	10 75
	E. A. Boutwell, lists of 1874-5,	30 83
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		\$123 35

#### REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	J. S. Tuttle, repairing highway, Dist. No. 4,	\$3 05
	A. S. Hastings,	18, 26 50
	Hiram Cutler,	2, 6 00
	G. E. Foss,	1, 15 25
	G. A. Stevens,	14, 1 20
	Jeremiah Abbott,	33, 23 27
	E. A. Boutwell & Co.,	41, 19 00
	C. C. Burnham,	35, 2 60
	Ebenezer Flanders,	25, 7 35
	Thomas Reid,	23, 5 00
	Walter C. Ayer,	27, 2 00
	G. W. Page,	27, 1 00
	J. S. Tuttle,	4, 5 10
	Geo. K. Weeks,	9, 6 75
	E. A. Boutwell & Co., repairing bridge, 48,	11 40
	E. A. Boutwell, repairing Blackwater bridge, 568	59
	F. E. White, rails and labor, Henniker new bridge,	4 00
	Benj. Hoyt, repairing bridge, Dist. No. 12,	7 25
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		\$715 31

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Thomas Fagan, Dist. No.	34,	\$2 98
T. O. Harrington,	" 34,	28 65
Charles Gould,	" 30,	32 69
C. C. Burnham,	" 35,	31 10
Hazen Kimball,	" 27,	30 76
H. J. Chandler,	" 7,	7 35
S. S. Kimball,	" 29,	38 38
J. M. Putnam,	" 2 & 15,	31 00
A. Hadley,	" 39,	6 25
S. H. Dow,	" 11,	21 31
N. M. Whittier,	" 37,	23 95
J. K. Clark,	" 50,	42 45
John S. Straw,	" 24,	36 88
C. C. Burnham,	" 35,	24 37
W. C. Wiggin,	" 48,	29 41
J. S. Tuttle,	" 40,	29 80
C. C. Annis,	" 19,	16 30
A. G. Fuller,	" 26,	62 78
S. W. French,	" 13,	12 85
R. M. Foote,	" 53,	28 59
L. H. Tyler,	" 28,	2 00
S. W. Merrill,	" 36,	54 00
J. H. Sargent,	" 3,	26 35
S. B. Bohonan,	" 9,	27 00
J. M. Foss,	" 1,	70 00
S. T. Johnson,	" 49,	54 95
T. J. Putney,	" 5,	2 85
F. D. Holt,	" 16,	19 68
C. F. Clough,	" 51,	9 92
S. A. Hardy,	" 20,	34 48
S. S. Kimball,	" 29,	3 00
F. Spofford,	" 1 & 43,	65 96
M. E. Dodge,	" 12,	32 15
S. F. Eastman,	" 32,	45 69
W. S. Wells,	" 18,	31 17
J. M. Milton,	" 29,	50
J. F. Currier,	" 10,	12 08
A. Hadley,	" 29,	41 63
N. C. Weeks,	" 41,	6 93



Paid Geo. J. Blake,	"	31,	2 25
T. J. Weeks,	"	52,	18 00
E. H. Edmunds,	"	39,	2 82
J. G. Brockway,	"	41,	5 55
H. F. Edmunds,	"	47,	13 80
S. G. Bradbury,	"	45,	7 05
M. W. Burbank,	"	17,	5 85
R. F. Morgan,	"	25,	57 90
J. A. White,	"	8,	45 12
J. Abbott,	"	33,	16 00
C. G. Hawthorne,	"	38,	64 25
F. E. Elliott,	"	32,	9 13
Thomas Reid,	"	23,	14 40
G. W. Jackman,	"	44,	6 97

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\$1347 28

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Barlow Upton, snowing Contoocook bridge,			
1876 and '77,			\$10 00
H. H. Crowell, services of auditors,			9 00
J. F. Jones, interest on Lerner legacy,			30 00
C. E. Taylor, board of auditors,			6 50
A. H. Whittier, lighting Contoocook bridge,			
1876 and '77,			12 00
G. A. Curtice, depreciation on gold and silver,			5 87
J. M. Milton, damage to horse in dist. No. 27,			15 00
B. O. Kimball, error in taxes 1876,			4 25
E. A. Boutwell, stationery and blanks,			24 30
E. A. Boutwell, printing town reports,			38 50
Aaron Smith, building book case at Town House,			7 80
J. M. Milton, snowing two bridges,			13 00
C. A. Morrill, services after settlement,			8 00
F. D. Libby, painting cemetery fence,			5 25
J. E. Putnam, use of hall for revising check list,			2 00
S. A. Hardy, plank used in dist. No. 20,			5 30
G. C. Blaisdell, report of births and deaths,			3 00
J. M. Milton, posts and labor on cemetery at			
Blackwater,			5 20
Isaac Story, taking depositions in 1876,			2 00
E. A. Boutwell, services after settlement,			10 00

Paid F. H. Kelley, repairing stove at Town House,	25
M. F. Hoyt, guide board cor. new road and Dimond hill,	3 00
George Chase, sixty-one loads dirt Dist. No. 3,	6 10
H. F. Edmunds, services as constable, Mar. '77,	3 00
G. A. Stevens, rope and pulleys for derrick,	16 84
Isaac Rowell, snowing Rowell's bridge,	8 00
W. C. Wiggin, repairing bridge, dist. No. 48,	1 77
Curtice & Stevens, kerosene oil for Contoocook bridge,	1 65
G. A. Stevens, making, painting and erecting guide boards,	15 33
J. E. Putnam, fire engine Co. at Contoocook,	111 00
E. A. Boutwell & Co., lumber for a bridge in dist. No. 1,	9 65
L. H. Dearborn, services after settlement,	6 00
Geo. E. Lord, getting town weights and meas- ures sealed,	4 25
F. E. White, snowing Henniker new road bridge, 1876 and '77,	6 00
E. A. Boutwell, expense attending the Dr. Rogers case,	345 80
J. F. Jones, error in taxes,	4 60
David Hardy, error in taxes,	3 68
Moses Story, repairing new cemetery fence,	1 00
Aaron Smith, labor, lumber and expense of fire wards,	25 55
Aaron Smith, labor, lumber and trimming trees in cemetery,	11 68
J. F. Jones, interest on Lerner legacy,	25 00
G. A. Curtice, paints, oils and nails for cemetery and bridges,	16 82
J. F. and E. D. Burnham, lumber for several bridges,	33 71
Sarah E. Elliott, note and interest,	101 20
Minot & Co., interest for money borrowed,	53 55
P. M. Flanders, surveying road near J. H. George's,	1 00
E. A. Boutwell, trip to New Boston, on pauper case,	4 00
E. A. Boutwell, clothing furnished tramps,	5 50



E. A. Boutwell, bounty on foxes and hawks,	4 80
H. W. Greene, expense incurred in W. S. Curtice case,	38 50
H. W. Greene, professional services,	40 00
G. A. Stevens, postage and stationery,	2 40
D. L. Gage, notifying jurors,	3 25
D. L. Gage, postage and stationery,	5 25
D. L. Gage, recording marriages, births and deaths,	17 25
E. A. Boutwell, horse hire,	15 00
L. H. Dearborn, horse hire,	10 00
G. A. Stevens, horse hire,	10 00
G. N. Watkins, non-resident highway taxes paid in labor,	26 00
G. N. Watkins, notifying town officers,	10 00
G. N. Watkins, services as constable 1876-7,	8 00
G. N. Watkins, rails, and putting same on bridges,	3 00
G. A. Curtice, difference in premium on gold,	4 00
E. A. Boutwell, bounty on hawks and foxes,	1 10
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	\$1241 45

### TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid H. D. Dustin, services as superintending school committee,	\$49.00
H. W. Greene, services as superintending school committee,	30 00
C. A. Harvey, services as superintending school committee,	20 00
G. N. Watkins, services as collector of taxes,	100 00
D. L. Gage, services as town clerk,	25 00
E. A. Boutwell, services as selectman,	133 00
L. H. Dearborn, services as selectman,	105 00
G. A. Stevens, services as selectman,	127 67
G. A. Curtice, services as treasurer,	50 00
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	\$639 67

## DOG TAX.

Received from town treasurer,	\$33 50
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Accounted for as follows :

Paid G. B. Hilan, damage to sheep,	\$6 00	
H. H. Crowell, damage to sheep,	10 00	
Charles French, damage to sheep,	7 00	
S. A. Hardy, damage to sheep,	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$33 50

Total of selectmen's account,	\$12,390 19
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The auditors find the account of the selectmen properly vouched and correctly cast.

JOHN F. JONES,	}	Auditors.
HENRY H. CROWELL,		
LEWIS D. EVANS,		

Hopkinton, March 1, 1878.

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## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Town bonds against town,	\$18,600 00
Money advanced by treasurer to pay orders,	669 31
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	\$19,269 31

Taxes uncollected for 1872-3,	\$153 65	
Taxes uncollected for 1874-5,	317 79	
Taxes uncollected for 1876-7,	2,973 80	
Cash on hand,	121 28	
	<hr/>	\$3,566 52

Amount of indebtedness,	\$15,702 79
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E. A. BOUTWELL,	}	Selectmen of Hopkinton.
L. H. DEARBORN,		
G. A. STEVENS,		

REPORT OF D. L. GAGE, TOWN AGENT,  
1877.

Cash on hand Feb. 24, 1877,	\$29 46
Cash sales.	100 08
	<u>\$129 54</u>

Accounted for as follows :

Paid for liquors, casks and freights,	\$78 92
Town Treasurer,	50 62
	<u>\$129 54</u>

Value of stock delivered to John S. Kimball, Jr., \$151 80

DAVID L. GAGE.

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT, FEB. 15, 1878.

Amount stock received from former agent,	\$151 80
purchased to date,	208 28

\$360 08

Amount stock on hand Feb. 15, 1878,	111 78
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Amount stock sold during year to date,	\$248 30
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Amount cash received for above sales,	\$377 80
Deduct	248 30

Gross profit,	<u>129 50</u>
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Amount expenses, agent's fees,	\$100 00
Freights, &c.,	12 61

Deduct	<u>112 61</u>
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Net profit,	<u>\$16 89</u>
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Amount cash received from former agent,	\$000 00
cash received for sale of liquors,	377 80

\$377 80



Amount cash paid for stock,	\$208 28
Amount cash paid for expenses,	112 61
Amount cash on hand Feb. 15, 1878,	56 91
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	\$377 80
Amount stock on hand, Feb. 15, 1878, \$111 78	
Amount cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1878,	56 91
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	\$168 69
Amount stock capital from former agent,	151 80
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Net balance of profit,	16 89

JOHN STEVENS KIMBALL,

*Town Agent.*

Hopkinton, Feb. 15, 1878.

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

## OF THE

# TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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G. A. Curtice in account with the town of Hopkinton,  
as treasurer for 1877 :

1. Tax account :

Resident tax,	\$10,098 81	
Non-resident tax,	319 13	
Non-resident highway tax,	69 21	
Dog tax,	130 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,617 15
Taxes uncollected for 1872-3,	248 65	
Taxes uncollected for 1874-5,	387 79	
Taxes uncollected for 1876,	1,460 85	
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		\$12,714 44

Accounted for as follows :

Cash from collector, 1876-7,	9,104 20	
“ “ “ 1874-5,	70 00	
“ “ “ 1872-3,	95 00	
	<hr/>	9,269 20
Taxes uncollected, 1872-3,	153 65	
“ “ 1874-5,	317 79	
“ “ 1876-7,	2,973 80	
	<hr/>	3,445 24
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		\$12,714 44

2. An account of the Lerner legacy :

Securities on hand,	\$500 00	
Interest collected,	30 00	
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## Accounted for as follows :

Securities on hand,	500 00	
Interest carried to cash account,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$530 00

## 3. Cash account :

Cash on hand at settlement Mar. 1, 1877,		\$455 39
Collector of taxes, 1872-3,	95 00	
Collector of taxes, 1874-5,	70 00	
Collector of taxes, 1876-7,	9,104 20	
Interest on Larned legacy,	30 00	
Saving bank tax,	2,241 07	
Railroad tax,	157 91	
Literary fund,	158 67	
Insurance tax,	5 25	
Support of county paupers,	480 94	
D. L. Gage, liquor agent, 1876,	50 62	
From County, Med. attendance of E. F. Wight,	37 00	
Money advanced by Treasurer to pay orders,	669 31	13,099 97
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		\$13,555 36

## Accounted for as follows :

Orders drawn by selectmen,	12,278 60	
Interest paid on town bonds,	1155 48	
Cash on hand Mar. 1, 1878,	121 28	
	<hr/>	\$13,555 36

The Auditors certify that they have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

JOHN T. JONES,  
HENRY H. CROWELL, } *Auditors.*  
LEWIS D. EVANS,



# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 19, Chap. 81, of the General Statutes, your Committee at this time present to the citizens their report of the Schools of the Town for the past school year.

Considered as a whole they have been a success; nearly all of the teachers employed have been faithful and competent, while the scholars, for the most part, have been attentive, obedient, and willing to learn.

This most important branch of our town affairs, receives far too little attention from the citizens; and the parents and those directly interested in the children, take poor concern in a matter of such vital importance.

We most certainly look for improvement in this regard, and trust that parents, at least, may know of a school by reason of their personal presence in the school room, and their association with teacher and scholars, rather than to wait to learn of it by neighborhood report, which seldom, if ever, cares for or carries the truth.

Not deeming it necessary to submit lengthy general remarks, we pass to give you such information as may be desirable, in a statement regarding each of the districts that have been under our supervision.

#### DISTRICT No. 1.—HOPKINTON VILLAGE.

First Term.—Miss M. H. Coombs. Miss Coombs is a teacher of experience and decided merit, and taught the term with gratifying success, order and discipline excellent. The closing examination was highly satisfactory, showing marked improvement on the part of the scholars. Wages, \$28 per month.

Second Term.—Mr. Frank B. Chase. Mr. Chase has been successful for quite a number of years as a teacher in this town, and during a term of twelve weeks labored very faithfully in the interest of his scholars. The school is one of the largest in town and requires a teacher of experience and ability. Mr. C. having both qualifications, made his term a very profitable one. Both the examination at the school-room, and the exhibition at the town hall were meritorious.

Wages, \$30 per month.

G.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.—EMERSON'S HILL.

Summer and Fall Terms.—Both terms were taught by Miss Nellie Sargent. The improvement of the scholars was very satisfactory, and the order good.

Miss S. proved herself as in former years, a faithful and acceptable teacher.

Wages \$12 per month and board given.

D.

Winter Term.—Miss Lizzie J. Dunbar, teacher. Miss Dunbar is a hard working, faithful and devoted teacher. Her abilities as an instructor need no comments. Suffice to say, the school was entirely satisfactory.

Wages, \$20 per month.

D.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.—HATFIELD.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Susan R. Carpenter. We noticed a fair amount of improvement. Had it not been for a lack of confidence which the scholars exhibited in recitation, the school would have appeared much better. This fault was noticeable in other of our schools.

The cause we must attribute in many cases, to the want of confidence and decision manifested by the teacher in conducting the exercises. The school was very orderly and quiet at each visit of the committee.

Wages, \$20 per month.

H.

Winter Term.—Taught by Miss Luella E. Straw. Miss Straw has had her usual good success. There was evidence of thorough and successful teaching, the most of

the pupils having fully mastered what they had been over. We feel justified in saying that the school was satisfactory.

Wages, \$23 per month.

D.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.—SUGAR HILL.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Helen H. Colby. Miss H. labored under some disadvantages during the term, but we are happy to say, not to the detriment of her school in the least. The same characteristics of success which have followed her teaching in other schools were plainly visible here. Thoroughness of what has been gone over, and not leaving the subject until every pupil understands it. This secures the prompt answering and air of confidence which we always get in her scholars.

Wages, \$24 per month.

H.

Fall Term.—Taught by Miss Addie S. Howe. This was a quiet and pleasant school. The scholars were interested in their studies, and good progress was made in the several branches pursued.

Wages, \$24 per month.

D.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.—SOUTH ROAD.

Summer Term—Miss Estella Phelps. Miss Phelps was without experience as a teacher, but managed her small school successfully, and to the satisfaction of all in the district. The scholars were attentive and well behaved, and the examination convinced all present that the teacher had labored faithfully and with good results.

Wages, \$14 per month.

Winter Term.—Miss Mary L. Wilson. This school closed when we were obliged to be absent, and Mr. C. C. Lord witnessed the examination. It was not what it should have been, a lack of energy on the part of the teacher was manifest, and with one exception the term seemed to have been profitless.

Wages, \$20 per month.

G.



## DISTRICT No. 6.—JEWITT ROAD.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Emma A. Rowell. Though this was Miss Rowell's first term, your committee can make but a few criticisms. Miss R. manifested such a desire to please her scholars in every way that they lost a certain degree of respect for her, and were not as orderly and quiet as we could have wished, and we are of the opinion that she allowed some of the classes to pass on a little fast, at the wish of the pupils. We like the idea of pleasing scholars in that which is for their good, otherwise not. The classes in reading deserve much praise. Miss Rowell has sufficient education and managing according to her own better judgment, may make one of our best teachers.

Wages, \$20 per month.

H.

Winter Term.—Mr. E. H. Edmunds. Mr. Edmunds has taught for some years, and in the opinion of your committee is among the best and most successful teachers employed in the town during the past year.

At the close, his school made an exhibit mostly of his efforts, and we unhesitatingly pronounce his term a complete success.

Mr. E. remarks in his register: "there has been no unpleasantness in connection with the school this term," showing that the best of feeling had existed on the part of parents, scholars and teacher. We hope the district may be fortunate enough to secure his services longer.

Wages, \$30 per month.

G.

## DISTRICT No. 7.—MAIN ROAD.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Emma J. Flanders. Your committee would be unable to make any suggestions for the better. We think Miss Flanders was thorough and left nothing undone. Certainly the exercises we witnessed at the close, could not have been given by scholars other than those who had been carefully led and studied faithfully. A goodly number of parents were present at

the examination, all seeming pleased with the record their children earned.

Wages, \$22 per month.

H.

Winter Term.—This school was commenced by Mr. Frank W. Alden, who taught it some six weeks and was then excused from further services, on account of some unpleasantness, or complaints made by the scholars of his misconduct. Miss Sarah A. Phelps was employed to complete the term, and the school at the close, considering all things, passed a satisfactory examination. Miss Phelps is a good teacher, and had she been given the school at the commencement would undoubtedly have made the term a profitable one.

Wages, \$22 per month.

G.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.—BEECH HILL.

This school was taught during the year by Miss Eva F. Burnham, who is a teacher of experience, ability and worth; and her school ranks as No. 1, in all respects. We have only to express entire satisfaction with the conduct of teacher and scholars, and recommend a continuance of her services.

Wages, \$20 and 23 per month.

G.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.—TYLER'S.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Frances E. Morrill. Miss Morrill has had charge of this school several successive terms, and we are sorry to hear that her services cannot be longer secured; her experience together with a knowledge of the best methods of presenting the branches taught, enabled the pupils to make rapid progress. We hope the district will be fortunate enough to get a teacher who will do as well for the school as Miss M.

Wages, \$18 per month.

H.

Winter Term.—Taught by Miss Etta Frost of Fisherville. Miss Frost commenced the school with the determination to make it profitable to the scholars, and she succeeded well in her efforts.

All the classes in reading made good improvement; the examination in the other branches was prompt and very commendable to all interested.

Wages, \$20 per month.

D.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.—CONTOOCOOK.

Summer and Winter Terms.—Taught by Miss Ann W. Heath of Warner. Miss Heath is one of our best teachers, she labored with great faithfulness, and success attended her efforts in the summer school. She labored equally as hard in the winter, and those scholars who attended regularly, made good progress in their studies. Irregularity of attendance is a great evil with some scholars in this district, for which the parents are accountable. There are some scholars here who need to be governed by a master.

Wages, \$30 per month.

D.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.—CLEMENT'S HILL.

Summer, Fall and Winter Terms.—Taught by Miss H. Paulina Heath. The teacher was fully awake to her employment, and successful in her efforts.

The exercises at our final visit were very pleasing, entertaining and alike creditable to the pupils and teacher. There was a variety of exercises, and the singing taught in this school deserves notice.

Wages, \$24 per month.

D.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.—STUMPFIELD.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Clara A. Smith. It appeared that Miss Smith was not at a loss how to spend her time profitably with her few scholars. At our final visit the school appeared well, and the progress made was good.

Wages, \$20 per month.

D.

Winter Term.—Taught by Mr. George W. Pierce. Mr. Pierce has well sustained his former reputation as a teacher. There are but a few scholars in this district, but those few deserve much praise.

Wages, \$29 per month.

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## DISTRICT No. 13—PUTNEY'S HILL.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Clara I. Gould. We are especially pleased with the results produced by Miss Gould's efforts. The scholars were so perfectly acquainted with their studies that the severest questioning was met with prompt and correct answering. The whole school showed unmistakable signs of knowing what going to school meant. This school is one of our first in the higher branches.

The decorations of the room on examination day were very fine.

Winter Term.—Taught by Miss Clara I. Gould. Miss Gould is an efficient and accomplished teacher; she labored hard for the advancement of her scholars, and we take pleasure in saying that success crowned her efforts.

Wages, \$18 and \$20 per month.

D.

## DISTRICT No. 14.—GAGE HILL.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Mary C. Foss. Miss Foss is one of our standard teachers, though with all her experience, she must have been tried somewhat to use up the time and keep the scholars from being tiresome. At each visit three scholars were present; more were registered, but we had not the pleasure of meeting them.

The scholars present on the closing day, were quite apt in recitations, proving to us beyond a doubt, that the money was well expended.

H.

Winter Term.—Taught by Miss Mary C. Foss. The general improvement of the school was good. At the final visit, the examination gave ample evidence of good proficiency in all the studies, and that the teacher had given thorough instruction.

Wages, \$20 per month.

D.

## DISTRICT No. 16.—WEST HOPKINTON.

Summer and Winter Terms.—Taught by Miss Etta L. Huntington of Henniker. This was a well managed school; the instruction in all the branches was unmistakably prac-

tical and thorough. The employment of the same teacher for the second term was of great advantage to the school. The exhibition of the winter school was said to be interesting, and reflected credit upon the teacher and scholars.

Wages, \$22 and \$26 per month.

D.

#### DISTRICT No. 17.—CURRIER'S.

This school was taught the first term by Miss Mary J. Tyler, and the second term by Miss Alice C. Flanders, both residents of Hopkinton, and teachers of experience. The scholars did not at any time exceed fourteen in number, and they are all good children manifesting a desire to learn. Both terms of the school were well managed, and the scholars made good advancement under both teachers.

Wages, \$20 per month.

G.

#### DISTRICT No. 18.—BUSWELL'S CORNER.

Fall Term.—Miss Mary Tyler, teacher. Good proficiency was made in the several studies pursued in this small school. Miss Tyler is mild, faithful and industrious, and teaches well, and her services were acceptable to the district. [Only one term.]

Wages, \$20 per month.

D.

#### DISTRICT No. 19.—BLACKWATER.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Addie S. Richardson. Not only was your committee entirely satisfied with every thing connected with this school, but the entire district was ready to offer praise in behalf of the school and teacher. Though this was Miss Richardson's first term, it would have been a difficult matter to have secured an older teacher who could have done better for the scholars. We would advise Miss Richardson to continue in her new vocation, and add to our list of good instructors one more.

Wages, \$16 per month.

H.

Winter Term.—Miss Kate B. Eastman of Concord, teacher. She has been faithful and unremitting in her efforts to make the term profitable to the pupils. There has been marked improvement in reading, and the ad-

vancement in the several classes in arithmetic, geography, and other studies has been very satisfactory. Parents and friends who were present at the examination, as well as the committee, were well pleased with the appearance of the school.

Wages, \$22 per month.

D.

#### DISTRICT No. 20.—NORTH CONTOOCOOK.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Nellie F. George of Warner. Although Miss George entered this school without experience in teaching, she succeeded well.

The scholars passed a good examination and gave evidence that they had had thorough instruction and a faithful teacher.

Wages, \$26 per month.

D.

Winter Term.—Taught by Henry D. Dustin.—Length of school  $10\frac{1}{2}$  weeks.

A very creditable term to both teacher and scholars, as we are informed by the parents and others interested.

Wages, \$40 per month.

G.

#### DISTRICT No. 21.—DAVISVILLE ROAD.

Summer and Fall Terms.—Both terms were taught by Miss Lizzie J. Dunbar. Although she had a small school, she gave her attention to it, and the result was manifested by the promptness of the pupils in their recitations, and the degree of interest taken by them. Both terms closed with results creditable to teacher and scholars.

Wages, \$18 per month.

D.

#### DISTRICT No. 24.—FARRINGTON'S CORNER.

First Term.—Miss Effie A. Blake. Miss Blake brought to this school an experience of two prior terms as teacher, and her labors in this district were performed in a satisfactory manner. The scholars, mostly small, were well behaved and made good improvement.

Wages, \$20 per month.

G.

Second Term.—Mr. Harvey L. Boutwell. This was Mr. Boutwell's first attempt at teaching, but notwithstanding



ing his lack of experience, and the fact that he is a resident of the district, a term of nineteen weeks was taught by him in a highly creditable manner, giving universal satisfaction. Improvement, order and discipline, No. 1. Continue his services.

Wages, \$20 per month.

G.

DISTRICT NO.	TERM.	TEACHERS.	WEEKS OF SCHOOL.	PUPILS.	PUPILS NOT ATTEND'G.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.	GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	HISTORY.	OTHER STUDIES.
1	1	Martha H. Coombs,	10	21	17	21	5	13	5	2	1	
	2	Frank B. Chase,	12	38	4	38	16	31	8	14	2	2
2	1	Nellie A. Sargent,	8	9	2	9	3	7	4	6		2
	2		9	17	0	17	11	14	7	3		3
	1	Eliza J. Dunbar,	10	14	1	14	4	14	1	5		7
3	2	Susie R. Carpenter,	9	15	0	15	9	11	4	5		
	3	Luella E. Straw,	13	25	0	25	15	24	13	10		3
	1	Helen H. Colby,	7	11	0	11	7	7	2	5		1
4	2	Addie S. Howe,	9	13	0	13	10	10	4	8		
5	1	Estella Phelps,	8	8	1	8	3	4	1	3		
	2	Mary L. Wilson,	14	15	1	15	9	10	4	7	1	
6	1	Emma A. Rowell,	8	11	0	11	7	7	7	5		
	2	E. H. Edmunds,	10	12	1	12	11	11	7	1	5	
7	1	Emma J. Flanders,	10	18	0	18	14	13	2	9	2	
	2	Sarah A. Phelps,	11	21	0	18	15	14	3	7	1	4
8	1	Eva F. Burnham,	9	10	0	10	7	6	6	6		
	2		9	10	3	10	9	8	8	6		1
9	1	Frances E. Morrill,	8	8	1	8	7	7	1	5		
	2	Etta A. Frost,	11	9	0	9	8	8	1	6	1	
10	1	Ann W. Heath,	12	31	4	31	15	21	7	14	2	3
	2		13	38	6	38	23	29	13	16	3	1
	1		8	27	0	27	20	20	3	12		2
11	2	Paulina Heath,	6	27	0	27	22	20	3	14		2
	3		10	28	0	28	20	20	3	13		
12	1	Clara A. Smith,	8	4	0	4	4	4	2	2		0
	2	George W. Pierce,	10	10	0	10	9	9	6	2		1
13	1	Clara I. Gould,	9	9	2	9	5	8	3	2		3
	2		15	13	0	13	8	12	7	4		8
14	1	Mary C. Foss,	8	6	0	6	6	6	2	2		
	2		14	8	0	8	8	8	4	2		
16	1	Etta L. Huntington,	7	10	1	10	5	7	1	1		1
	2		11	17	0	17	6	12	4	3	5	2
17	1	Mary J. Tyler,	10	9	0	9	9	9	3	5	2	
	2	Alice C. Flanders,	11	14	0	14	11	13	6	5		
18	1	Mary J. Tyler,	11	9	0	9	9	9	2	6		
19	1	Addie B. Richardson	10	11	0	11	5	9	5	9		
	2	Kate B. Eastman,	11	19	0	19	13	16	6	8		1
20	1	Nellie F. George,	9	18	0	18	13	13	4	8		2
	2	Henry D. Dustin,	10 <sup>3</sup>	22	3	22	17	17	6	6	1	7
21	1	Lizzie J. Dunbar,	9	3	0	3	2	2	1	2	1	2
	2		10	3	0	3	3	3	1	2	1	2
24	1	Effie A. Blake,	8	12	3	12	8	9	2	7		
	2	Harvey L. Boutwell	19	17	0	17	10	14	6	9		

